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## **New I-17 interchanges at Jomax Road and Dixileta Drive coming to North Valley**

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Construction of two new interchanges along Interstate 17 north of Happy Valley Road is scheduled to begin later this spring now that a contract for the project has been awarded.

The State Transportation Board awarded a \$35.8 million contract to Pulice Construction, Inc., of Phoenix, to build new I-17 interchanges at Jomax Road and Dixileta Drive.

The Arizona Department of Transportation says crews will build two new bridges over I-17 to connect Jomax Road and Dixileta Drive to the freeway.

The Jomax Road interchange will have both northbound and southbound I-17 on and off ramps. The Dixileta Drive interchange will include a northbound I-17 exit ramp and southbound entrance ramp. Jomax Road and Dixileta Drive are two miles apart.

ADOT says the project also will connect the I-17 frontage roads to the Dixileta Drive interchange and will allow the frontage roads to be converted from two-way to safer, more efficient one-way roads.

The project is the first in a series of improvement projects scheduled along I-17 in the North Valley during the next three years. Additional projects include the reconstruction of the I-17 interchange at Carefree Highway (SR 74), which is slated to start this summer.

ADOT also anticipates advertising a project later this year to add two new lanes in each direction to I-17 between Loop 101 and Jomax Road. The new lanes will be extended north to the Carefree Highway under a separate contract, with completion targeted by 2009.

For more information about I-17 improvement projects north of Loop 101 visit [www.ValleyFreeways.com](http://www.ValleyFreeways.com).